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FUNDS TO SCDC
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money released during 2001-2002 to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs)

(b) the amount of unspent balance with the Ministry under `Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers` scheme;

(c) the reasons for release of money when unspent funds existed; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for proper utilization of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) During the year 2001-02, an amount of Rs.21.00 crores and Rs. 9.20 crores hasbeen released to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs) under theScheme of assistance to SCDCs and National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents (NSLRS) respectively.

(b) There is no unspent balance with the Ministry under `Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers` scheme.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is regularly pursuing with the State Governments/ SCDCsto utilize the amount available with them for specific approved activities. Officers of the Ministry, while visiting States, also monitor the progress achieved by SCDCs. Periodical meetings are also held with the representatives of State Governments/ SCDCs about proper utilisation of funds released under the scheme.